

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

CLAIMS

1. An efficient fluid cleaning system comprising:

first means for changing the pressure of a fluid from a first pressure to a second pressure, said second pressure lower than said first pressure and

second means for distributing said fluid within an evaporation chamber at said

5 second pressure, said evaporation chamber including an evaporation surface having capillary channels for dispersing oil about said evaporation surface via capillary action to facilitate evaporation of contaminants from within said fluid.

2. The system of Claim 1 wherein said second means includes means for employing siphoning action to disperse said fluid about said evaporation surface when said efficient fluid cleaning system is installed at an angle so that said evaporation chamber is angled.

3. The system of Claim 2 wherein said evaporation chamber includes substantially parallel or cylindrical walls to maximize fluid circulation out the system and to maximize the compactness of the fluid cleaning system, and wherein said evaporation surface is contoured to promote dripping from edges of the contours to enhance effective
5 evaporation surface area via the surfaces of resulting fluid drops.

4. The system of Claim 1 wherein said capillary channels are spiral capillary channels and wherein said fluid cleaning system further includes a vent for venting said contaminants through a ceiling of said evaporation chamber.

10. The system of Claim 9 wherein said means for causing cavitation includes one or more cavitation jets opening into said evaporation chamber, said one or more cavitation jets including funnel portions for accelerating said fluid to create a sufficiently low pressure to cause cavitation of said contaminants.

11. The system of Claim 1 further including an electromagnetic coil disposed about said evaporation chamber, said electromagnetic coil acting as both a heater and an electromagnet, and wherein said fluid cleaning system includes additional channels that maintain said metallic contaminants when said electromagnetic coil is not powered.

12. An efficient fluid cleaning system comprising:

first means for changing the pressure of a fluid from a first pressure to a second pressure, said second pressure lower than said first pressure and sufficient to cause cavitation of contaminants in said fluid and

5 second means for distributing said fluid within an evaporation chamber at said second pressure via one or more capillary channels to facilitate evaporation of contaminants within said fluid.

13. The system of Claim 12 wherein said evaporation chamber includes an evaporation surface that is at least partially surrounded by both an electromagnetic coil and a mesh for increasing the rate of evaporation of contaminants from said evaporation surface area of said evaporation chamber.

14. An efficient evaporation surface for a mobile oil recycling system comprising:
a surface contour for expanding the surface area of said evaporation surface over that of a substantially flat surface by at least five percent, said surface contour having

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perforations therein for allowing oil to pass therethrough and onto said evaporation
5 surface and

capillary channels at various positions along said surface contour for distributing
oil about said evaporation surface.

15. ~~An efficient fluid cleaning system comprising:~~

first means for changing the pressure of a fluid from a first pressure to a second
pressure, said second pressure lower than said first pressure and sufficient to cause
cavitation of contaminants in said fluid;

5 second means for distributing said fluid within an evaporation chamber at said
second pressure via one or more spiral capillary channels and one or more cavitation jets
to facilitate evaporation of contaminants within said fluid;

an electromagnetic coil for simultaneously heating said evaporation chamber and
removing metallic particles from circulation within said fluid; and

10 a filter for removing solid contaminants from said fluid, said filter surrounding said
evaporation chamber; and

a space between an oil inlet and said filter to facilitate distribution of fluid about
one or more input surfaces of said filter.

~~16. An efficient oil recycling system comprising:~~

a base plate having an oil inlet and a threaded protruding section concentric with
said base plate;

5 a filter having a filter housing with a housing base that has a female threaded
section therein for mating with said threaded protruding section of said base plate;

a seal for sealing said filter housing base to said base plate and creating a sealed
space between said filter housing and said base plate so that oil flows from said oil inlet
into said space and then into said filter via perforations in said filter base; and

an evaporation chamber within said filter, said evaporation chamber in
10 communication with an oil outlet and a vent, said evaporation chamber having a three-
dimensional surface that has an open end or radial holes therethrough for allowing filtered
oil to pass from said filter and onto three-dimensional surface.

17. The system of Claim 16 wherein said vent extends through a ceiling of said
housing to the atmosphere; wherein said oil outlet extends through said filter housing
opposite to said vent; wherein said oil outlet passes through said base plate concentric
with said threaded protruding section; and wherein said filter housing and said filter are
5 part of a spin-on filter, said spin-on filter having a pre-existing interior hollow section
wherein said evaporation chamber is formed.

18. The system of Claim 16 wherein said evaporation chamber includes an
evaporation attachment that protrudes within an interior of said filter housing, said
evaporation attachment having said three-dimensional evaporation surface, said
attachment having an open end over which filtered may flow onto said evaporation
5 surface, and wherein said evaporation attachment includes a threaded tube having threads
on the interior of said tube for providing grooves for expanding the surface area of oil
within said chamber, and wherein said threads facilitate attachment of said evaporation
attachment to said base plate.

~~19.~~ An efficient oil recycling system comprising:
a housing having an end cap, a base, and a filter disposed therein;
an oil inlet in said base, said oil inlet opening into a space in a center of said filter,
said space defining an input surface of said filter;

